

The Mint of the United States at San Francisco,
Superintendent's Office,

January 4, 1900.

Mr Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.



Dear Sir

Herewith please find coiners statement of
life of dies used in this mint during the year 1899
The last few in each column were those sent us from
Philadelphia and by comparison you will see we do
not get the service from them. The trouble may lie
with us, our men not being used to the peculiarities of
them but I am inclined to the opinion ours are superior
owing to a broader and higher shoulder. Since the first time
in a run on dimes the dies only lasted 20 to 30 thousand
impressions - fine pair were insufficient to make 25,000

Respectfully yours

Frank A. Leach

Superintendent